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Attention all residents

If you experienced any confusion in selecting the candidate for president during the Nov. 7 election, if, for instance, you punched #4 on the ballot for Buchanan with the intention of punching #5 for Al Gore, please contact State Representative James Hank Harper, Jr. at (561) 267-0644 or (561) 267-4731. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sunset Watch

Pahokee Main Street's Sunset Watch is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. Please join us on top of the dike at Pahokee Harbor to watch the most beautiful sunset in Florida. We will again have hot dogs and sodas for sale in addition to Jarriel's Jamellies and Granny Dots Cakes in a Jar. Local goodies will also be available for purchase and Joe Stevens will again provide music for your enjoyment as you relax with us at Pahokee's Sunset Watch.

The Sunset Watch is a joint effort of Pahokee Main Street, Pahokee Chamber of Commerce and the City of Pahokee.

For more information, contact Shirley Jarriel, 924-7771, Barbara Branch, 924-5633, or the Chamber of Commerce at 924-5573.

Open House at Pioneer Park Elementary

The faculty, staff and administration of Pioneer Park Elementary School invites the public to attend the dedication of their new Professional Development Lab in loving memory of Eugenia Jones, former Area 4 Superintendent. An open house will be held from 3:30-5:30 p.m. today, Thursday, Nov. 16 in the Professional Development Lab. The dedication ceremony will take place at 4:30 p.m.

Georgia pecans

As one of their service projects, the Belle Glade Garden Club is again this year selling Georgia pecans, medians and hails.

To place your order call Lurline Brooks at 996-2506 or pick up your pecans at JKL Freshwinds, 1100 North Main Street, Sebring, A. Belle Glade or call JKL at 996-0866.

Turkey/Ham Shoot

A Turkey/Ham shoot will be held at the Pahokee Elks Lodge #1638 on Friday, Nov. 17 from 5 to 9 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 19 from 2-6 p.m. and a pistol shooting on Sunday, Nov. 19 from 4 to 6 p.m.

The turkey shoot will be 82 and the ham shoot 84. For more information call 561-924-7727 after 4 p.m.

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Glades General Hospital opens new birthing center

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

OB/GYN Dr. Carlito Arrogante and recently retired Dr. Robert Hattion opened the doors of Glades General's new birthing center during a ribbon-cutting and open house Wednesday. CEO of the hospital, Jim Purcell, Hospital Board member Don Filehs, Director of Nursing Mary Weeks and RNC Lynn Foley joined the doctors in greeting the crowd of approximately 90 people who came to tour the facility.

The old birthing center was expanded with five more patient rooms to facilitate delivery and accommodate more patients. If the delivery rooms are not fully occupied on a particular day, each patient will enjoy a room by themselves.

Each room is decorated with a different Anne Geddes portrait and contains one birthing bed for delivery and recovery, a lactator, and other general hospital items. Each of the five rooms also has its own state-of-the-art fetal monitor, which cannot only monitor the vital statistics of the baby and the mother but can also be set to play "Happy Birthday" or "The Brahms Lullaby" once the baby is born.

Three of the rooms contain handicapped bathrooms with showers that don't have an ele-

vated tile to step-over when entering, for those who find it hard to step over or cannot enter without their wheelchairs near by.

One of the rooms will be used as an Ante-Partum Testing room. Anyone admitted into the delivery room complaining of loss of breath, severe contractions, high-blood pressure, or other complications will be taken to this room for the administration of medication.

The new birthing center has a much bigger nursing station than before. The 26 nurses on the hospital's staff will have an easier time locating what they need and the doctors will also have their own area for dictation. The station includes a lounge and a room for a full-sized refrigerator and a lavatory.

A small room next to the station will include the Phys machine used to give the nurses or doctors the type of medication they specify.

The old 2-bed nursery will now be an 8-bed nursery, that stretches to the last delivery room on the left side.

The nursing staff of the hospital was given full permission to pick out the type of tile they wanted for the rooms, the color of the cabinets, the drapery, sheets, and pictures. The nurses worked with Don Edge



Hospital Board member Don Filehs, Director of Nursing Mary Weeks and RNC Lynn Foley look on as Dr. Robert Hattion, assisted by Dr. Carlito Arrogante, cuts the ribbon on the new birthing center at Glades General Hospital.

Architects of West Palm Beach.

A new security system was implemented approximately six months ago to discourage any unwanted strangers from wandering into the delivery rooms and disturbing the patients. The nursing staff have special badges for access into the section and family members of the baby are buzzed in.

As of Friday, the nurses were still awaiting the delivery of the first baby in the section.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the birthing center was held earlier this year. On February 9, then-Mayor Harna Miller, CEO Purcell and CEO of Province Healthcare Mary Rash celebrated what was to be the start of new additions to the hos-

pital. Glades General Hospital has embarked on a \$1.4 million construction project to build a new recovery area, new endoscopy suite and cardiac catheter lab in the operating room, an addition of four observation beds in the emergency room, five new labor and delivery suites and an enlarged nursery in OB.

Violent crime down, property crimes up in Belle Glade

By Tracy Whirls

Violent crime is down in Belle Glade, but property crimes are up, when comparing the Belle Glade Police Department's most recent statistics, from January-June, 2000 against those from the same time period last year.

According to Belle Glade police Department Lt. Matthew E. Sweet overall, violent crime is down in Belle Glade, with 189 violent crimes reported in the past year, versus 894 nonviolent crimes. Belle Glade recorded one homicide in 1999 and one in 2000. Forcible rape is down 11.1 percent, with nine such cases occurring in 1999 and eight in 2000. Aggravated assault is down, 13.9 percent, with 158 total aggravated assaults reported in 1999 versus 136 in 2000.

Lt. Sweet said the state's 10-20-life law, which states: if you use a gun in the commission of a crime, it carries an automatic ten year prison sentence upon 20 years if the perpetrator fires the gun and if someone is wounded or killed, coupled with intense prosecution of firearms cases by the State's Attorney's Office has caused a dramatic drop in offenses involving firearms.

"Robbery with a firearm is down 50 percent," Lt. Sweet said, from 16 cases from January to June 1999, to 8 during the same time period in 2000. Similarly, aggravated assaults with a firearm are down from 30 in 1999 to 17 in 2000, for a 43.3 percent decline.

"Most of the firearms charges have dropped significantly like that," Lt. Sweet said.

However, Lt. Sweet said, while assaults are moving away from using firearms, they are increasingly using other types of weapons, primarily hands, fists, and feet. Strong-armed robbery, using force without a firearm or knife, is up 40 percent over last year, with 20 cases reported in 1999 and 28 in 2000.

The exception to the decline in violent crimes is in domestic violence cases, which are up 34.9 percent, from 86 cases in 1999 to 116 cases in 2000. Of 116 total violent domestic offenses, 60 percent of those cases involved a cohabitant, spouse or live-in partner. While only one domestic-violence homicide was reported in 2000, and the number of forcible rapes rose from 11 in 1999 to 31 in 2000, domestic aggravated assault rose 34.5 percent, from 29 in 1999 to 39 so far in 2000. Simple assault rose 35.8 percent, from 53 in 1999 to 72 in the same time period this year. Threats/intimidation arrests are down by 66.7 percent.

The lieutenant said Belle Glades crime stats rise and fall so much from year to year it's difficult to determine why there has been a decline in initiation arrests when other domestic violence arrests are up. It could be that the increase in arrests for domestic violence, coupled with the issuance of emergency protective orders has caused a decline in threats. It could also be that threats are not being reported or that the cohabitants are moving more quickly from threats to physical abuse. "It's hard to say," Lt. Sweet said.

While tougher state laws against domestic violence, which provide that one or both parties involved in a domestic dispute will be arrested, may have led to an increase in the number of domestic violence arrests, the lieutenant said the new tougher laws are not necessarily serving as a deterrent to domestic violence.

"The message is not getting through to a lot of our offenders," the lieutenant said. "Most of our domestic violence arrests are repeat offenders."

The city has historically seen an increase in domestic violence cases during the season. Part of this, the lieutenant said, may be the result of statistics more people living in an area equals more crime. Officers provide victim's information "packages," and explain victims' rights each time they respond to a domestic violence call, the lieutenant said, but more public education is needed to help police combat domestic violence, particularly among repeat offenders.

While violent crime is declining, total offenses are up 18.2 percent, from 891 reported from January-June 1999, versus 1,053 in the same time period 2000.

"We kind of go in a cycle," the lieutenant said, noting that in 1997 total crime was down 18.3 percent, rose 4.2 percent in 1998, fell 16.4 percent in 1999, then rose again 18.2 percent this year. "A lot of it depends on how it's reported, how the stats are kept for FDLE. Out on the street,

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Recreation Coordinator Curtis Pryor helps Isabel Hernandez with her homework. New Hope Charities offers tutorial assistance.

New Hope Charities brings 'new hope' to migrant students, families

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

Imagine a place where your only goal is academic and social advancement. A place where reading and writing are stressed, and low self-esteem, along with frustrating situations are ignored and left for others to analyze. A place where "New Hope" is constant hope. Imagine this and you are likely to paint a picture of a perfect Utopian society. And if you ask someone who regularly goes to New Hope

Charities, they'll say you'll find it located on State Road 15 and US 441 near Pahokee.

New Hope is a small complex that includes a day care, chapel, health center, youth center, soccer and football fields; a kind of one-stop community for people looking to escape harsh environments and cruel realities. New Hope is a place where children are taught to read, write and enjoy themselves.

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St. Paul's food center will host grand opening celebration Nov. 22

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

St. Paul's Church of Christ's recently opened food distribution center is meeting a great need in the community, according to many people involved with the project. The distribution center houses food for other agencies who pick up supplies to feed the poor and hungry in the Glades.

Program Coordinator Willie Lawrence was faced with a large predicament this month. He was to pick up a 40,000 pound food donation from "Feed the Children," and take the food to the center, but didn't have a truck in which to do so. He needed a vehicle in Nashville by 3 p.m. Friday to pick up the food.

Mr. Lawrence started calling local business owners for support. The business owners offered their trucks, for a price. After a few calls and what he says were "outrageous prices," Rev. Lawrence tele-

phoned Belle Glade Commissioner Don Garrett who made himself available and granted the distribution center a truck with which to pick up the food on Friday.

"We had to figure out a way how we were going to get the food so I made one phone call to Mr. Garrett and he was gracious enough to help us out," said Mr. Lawrence. "We just felt that it was a blessing from God when I called him and he told me 'Don't worry about it.'"

Commissioner Garrett had expressed his interest in helping the distribution center and has called several companies to solicit their help. Citrus County has agreed to provide citrus for the distribution center during the holidays and several vegetable companies from the "east" coast, including Homestead, have also promised to help the center. His company, Belle Glade Produce Sales, Inc. will continue to take part in charitable work for St.

Paul's and considers his first contribution to the distribution center a small gesture.

St. Paul's Church of God in Christ will host their grand opening celebration on Nov. 22. Invitations are being sent for the ceremony set to start at 11 a.m. The keynote speaker for the ceremony will be County Commissioner Tony Masilotti. Many other commissioners and mayors from the Glades area will be at the event. The board of directors from the Lost Tree Foundation will also be at the event, taking part in the festivities. The Lost Tree Foundation is an organization that has donated the grant that allowed St. Paul to open its food distribution center.

Presiding over the service will be Mr. Josie Brown. The Glades Central Chorus will be at the event to provide entertainment.

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Rev. Willie Lawrence (left) and Don Garrett stand next to the food that has nourished many people throughout the Glades. St. Paul's Food Distribution Center distributes about 5,000 pounds of food every week to its partner agencies.

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Christmas Bazaar

The Ladies Ministries of the Good Shepherd Church of God, 1800 Bacon Point Rd., in Pahokee are conducting their annual Christmas Bazaar. The event is scheduled for Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be crafts and baked goods available. A salad luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Prices for the luncheon are: adults \$6, children under 12 years of age \$3.

Big O Hike

The Loxahatchee chapter of the Florida Trail Association will hold their ninth Annual hike around Lake Okechobee "Special Millennium Trails Legacy Hike" from Nov. 18 to 26.

Enjoy the natural environment while participating in south Florida's greatest challenge of the millennium. Walk one hour, one day, nine days or anything in between.

The hike will begin on Nov. 18 at 8:30 a.m. with the Legacy celebration at 7:30 a.m. The participants will meet at South Bay RV Park, Highways 80/27, South Bay.

The event is sponsored by the Loxahatchee chapter of the Florida Trail Association and Millennium Trails corporate partner, American Express.

Sandwiches will be delivered daily to hikers by local Subway shops.

For more information call Sunny Pisura at 561-439-4381, Judy Perham at 561-439-7171 or Paul Cummings at 561-734-4416.

Glade View Elementary School Advisory Council Meeting

Glade View Elementary School will hold its monthly School Advisory Council Meeting on Monday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Media Center.

All parents, community members and business partners are encouraged to attend.

For further information, contact Shundra Dowers at 561-993-4035. Refreshments will be served.

Second Annual Toy Drive

The Belle Glade Chapter of Commerce will be accepting donations for their second Annual Toy Drive. All toys donated to the Belle Glade Chapter of Commerce will benefit the children of the Glades.

The toy drive began on Nov. 1 and will end on Dec. 8. Any toys you may want to drop off may be taken to Blair's Electronics, Bank of Belle Glade, First Community Bank, First Union Bank, Glades General Hospital, Smith Barney or the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. The toys will then be distributed by team members to the Salvation Army and St. Paul's Western Palm Beach County Food Distribution Center just in time for Christmas.

Call the Chamber of Commerce for inquiries on how you can help the children of the Glades at 561-996-2745.

Christmas Lighting

The City of South Bay invites you and your family to join them in celebrating their annual Christmas lighting and caroling Wednesday, Nov. 22 at the Triangle Park in South Bay at 6:30 p.m.

Book discussions

The Belle Glade Branch Library will host book discussions the first Saturday of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Among the books to be discussed are: *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston, Dec. 2; *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley, Jan. 6; *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin, Feb. 3; *Bridge of San Luis Rey* by Thornton Wilder, March 3 and *Sister Carrie* by Theodore Dreiser, April 7.

Sign up at the Library if you are interested in attending one or all of these discussions. Paperback copies of the books will be loaned to people participating in the book discussion group. Groups will be led by Rosemary Buchanan or Sonja Lutz.

For more information, call the Belle Glade Branch Library at 996-3453.

The United Methodist Women's Annual Holiday Bazaar

The United Methodist Women's Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Jameson Hall at Community United Methodist Church, 401 Southwest First St., Belle Glade.

Be homemade jellies, jams, relishes, chili, soups, Cuban sandwiches and baked goods. Also visit the Second-Time-Around Shop for attic treasures.

Come and bring a friend. You're sure to find lovely decorations for your home and you just might find the perfect gift for that hard-to-buy-for person on your Christmas list.

Be sure to register for the door prize drawing to be held in the afternoon.

Christmas on Parade

The Pahokee Chapter of Commerce 15th annual Christmas on parade is planned for Monday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. The Julian Branch

Festival of Lights will precede the parade. Participants are urged to contact the Chamber at 924-5579 to register.

Christmas Card Lane

The Belle Glade Chapter of Commerce will be hosting the Christmas Card Lane again this year. Entry fee for the Card Lane is \$35. All entries must be received by the Chamber of Commerce office no later than 3 p.m. Nov. 27.

For more information, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 996-2745.

World AIDS Memorial Walk & Candlelight Ceremony

The entire community is invited to participate in the World AIDS Memorial Activities. The Memorial Ceremony and Candlelight Walk will be held on Dec. 7 at 5 p.m.

For additional information, please contact Marian McGhee at 992-9500. This event is sponsored by the Glades Area HIV Sub-Committee.

Take Our Parents to school week

Glade View Elementary will be hosting "Take our Parents to School Week" through Nov. 17. Parents are invited to participate in the activities scheduled for the week including: today, Nov. 16, Parents are invited to spend the day in the Teacher's classroom.

Nov. 17, Grandparents Day: Goodies for Grandparents. We are looking forward to sharing with you. Our School Pride.

Turkey Shoot

The Belle Glade Rotary Club hosting their annual Turkey Shoot today, Thursday, Nov. 16 from 6 to 10 p.m. next to the intersection of the N.W. Avenue I, Belle Glade. Tickets are \$2.50 each and a drawing will be held on Wednesday night for a Remington Model 597 22 long rifle and on Nov. 16 for a Mossberg Model 835 12-gauge shotgun. Ticket holders must be present to win.

Free computer classes

Parents, teachers and community members are invited to free computer classes at Pahokee High and Glades Central.

Session two at Pahokee High is Nov. 16, and 30 and Dec. 7. At Glades Central, session two is Nov. 20, 27 and Dec. 4.

Registration and snacks are offered the first night at 6 p.m. and classes begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.

Bus transportation and child care/tutoring are offered.

Call the Technology Literacy challenge Fund Office to register. Those telephone numbers are 924-6419 or 924-3165.

The Julian Branch Festival of Lights

Planning for Pahokee's annual Christmas light-up celebration has begun. A number of volunteers have been meeting at Hugh & Barbara Branch's home to plan their strategy for the most beautiful festival of lights ever.

Three new pole decorations have been purchased this year as well as a 13 foot angel for Pahokee Harbor.

Volunteers are still needed. If you would like to be a part of this exciting project, call Barbara Branch, 924-5633, Shirley Juliet, 924-7771, or the Pahokee Chapter of Commerce, 924-5579.

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Local farm leaders prepare for Farm City Week 2000

Agriculture is one of Florida's largest industries, an industry not often understood by Florida's growing urban population. Farm-City Week will promote a better understanding between farm and city residents. This year's observance extends from Nov. 17 to Nov. 23.

Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau will be going to some of the local schools to show an Agriculture video and talk to the fourth and fifth graders about agriculture to start off this most important week of activities.

This will be the 45th annual observance of Farm-City Week. More than 16,000 people participate in the United States and Canada. A Presidential Proclamation and a joint Congressional Resolution have called for Farm-City Week observances each year since the inception of the event. Farm-City Week has won a Freedom Foundation's Distinguished Service Award and the Silver Anvil Award from the Public Relations Society of America.

Here in Western Palm Beach County, agricultural businesses include: sugar cane, vegetables, nurseries, sod and rice.

Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau hopes that the events and activities of Farm-City Week will create a greater awareness in cities of the types and sizes of farms in our area. If city residents can understand the concerns of agriculture, there will be a greater chance of the two working together to solve common problems such as environmental and governmental issues.

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BETA SIGMA PHI XI ZETA MU HALLOWEEN



Beta Sigma Phi Xi Zeta Mu celebrated Halloween at their meeting Oct. 30. Each member dressed in costume. Those attending were Linda McMillan, Rock and roll 50's; Karen Corbin, angel; Judy McMillan, baby; Laura May Enfinger, "Orange you scared?" jeans and Halloween shirt; Laurel Tarr, chocolate kiss; Gloria Swaggar, cereal killer; Sandra Chambliss, African lady; Laverne Motes, Chattahoochee cell block 2 escapee; Sara Phillips, Chattahoochee cell block 1 escapee; Gracie York, Cinderella in ball gown and glass slippers. A chili supper was served with a large birthday cake for Linda McMillan, Laverne Motes and Karen Corbin who have birthdays in October and November. Sandra Chambliss gave a report on her trip to Africa, where she attended the International AIDS Conference.

SONRISA with Dr. Inge Ford Mouthguards

What's the big deal about sports mouthguards? Prevention of painful and costly sports-related dental and facial injuries and concussions, that's what. Sports-related injuries are an unfortunate reality for today's athletes, part-time athletes and the "weekend warrior". Facial and dental injuries can include broken, displaced and knocked out teeth, broken jaws, lacerations or tears of the lips and damage to the TMJ or jaw-joint. Concussions can occur from a blow to the chin or some other part of the head.

Medical injuries after a sports injury are priority and should be evaluated, stabilized and treated by the team medical doctor or in an emergency room. Dental injuries, too, should be treated as soon as possible. In the instance, of a tooth that is knocked out, do not scrub it, but place gently cleaned tooth back into the socket or a cup of milk. You should see your dentist in less than one hour.

A custom-made mouthguard is essential for the prevention of painful and costly sports-related dental and facial injuries and concussions. The American Dental Association (ADA) states that more than 2 million teeth will be knocked out each year, many from athletes who do not wear protective mouthguards. Other sports such as boxing, football, martial arts, kickboxing, wrestling and street or ice hockey require a well-fitted, custom-made mouthguard. Other sports such as soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, rollerblading, skateboarding and mountain biking are also appropriate for mouthguards.

Be mindful that not all mouthguards are created equal. Store-bought stock boil-and-bite mouthguards are low cost limited protection, but they are usually awkward and uncomfortable, ill-fitting and can make talking and breathing difficult. Many athletes do not wear mouthguards for these reasons. In my opinion, the best mouthguards are composed of layered, heat and pressure laminated ethyl vinyl acetate (EVA). The procedure for processing custom-made mouthguards is simple. The dentist takes impression (molds) of your mouth, will have you bite on a piece of wax to register your exact bite. The mold is then sent to the lab where the mouthguard is made. Custom mouthguards come in many layers and colors. They are strong and comfortable, allow for better speaking and breathing, but are more costly than store bought.

My motto is prevention and being proactive before an incident. The cost of custom-made mouthguards is far cheaper than rebuilding or replacing unprotected teeth.

Dr. Ford is a general dentist who welcomes your comments and concerns. Dr. Ford is located at 184 SW First Street, across from Glades Jewellers.

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we don't really notice the change."

The lieutenant adds that using statistics to track crime and a law enforcement agency's response to it can be tricky. "If you look at pick-pocketing for example, we had one last year and two this year, so it's up 100 percent. Forcible rape we had one last year, three this year, so it's up 200 percent. The way FDLE tracks cases, it makes the percentages go up, even though there may only have been one or more two such crimes from year to year."

The lieutenant admits, however, nonviolent crime is up 27.2 percent in 2000, after declining 15.7 percent in 1999. The biggest jump is in crimes against property.

"Our biggest problem we have is definitely crimes against property, thefts and burglaries. We had 640 burglaries, for example, versus 150 aggravated assaults," Lt. Sweet noted.

Most larceny statistics are down, the lieutenant noted. "Thefts of motor vehicle parts are down 27.5 percent, with 37 reported in 2000 vs. 51 in 1999. Thefts from buildings are down 77.6 percent (18 in 1999, 4 in 2000), as are thefts from coin operated devices, which have declined 60 percent (five in 1999, 1 in 2000). Foreign burglaries, to both residences and businesses are nearly flat, with 165 reported in 1999 and 161 reported in 2000. Attempted, unsuccessful entries are down 22.7 percent, with 17 reported in 2000, down from 22 in 1999.

With the Christmas shopping season upon us, the department urges businesses to be increasingly vigilant: shoplifting is up 55.9 percent, with 53 cases recorded from Jan. through June 2000, versus 34 from Jan. through June 1999.

"Shoplifting has always been high for us. A lot of the stores are making a more aggressive stance concerning retail theft, reporting the thefts more often, thereby increasing our numbers," Lt. Sweet said. "A lot of times, before, merchants would call police after the perpetrator left the store. Now we're seeing a lot of merchants holding the suspect until we arrive, as they're authorized to do under Florida statutes."

The lieutenant said the department has also seen an

increase in motor vehicle thefts. "We've had a big increase in thefts of motor vehicles," the lieutenant said, with 63 reported in 2000 versus 34 in 1999, an 85.3 percent increase. However, the lieutenant said, the department has also been increasingly successful in recovering stolen vehicles—of 6553,389 in stolen value, 8340,002 has been recovered.

As has historically been the case in the Glades, many of the vehicles appear to be stolen by joy riders. Lt. Sweet said, "They'll dump one of ours in West Palm Beach, steal one over there and come back." So far in 2000, nine cars were stolen locally and recovered in other jurisdictions. Forty cars were stolen in other jurisdictions and recovered locally. Thirty-one vehicles were stolen locally and recovered locally. The majority of those vehicles are recovered for the most part intact, the lieutenant said.

The bulk of property crimes are crimes of opportunity, the lieutenant said, and most are completely preventable. If residents would take common sense measures such as locking doors and windows, or removing valuables from their vehicles, thefts from motor vehicles are up 43.2 percent, with 212 reported in 2000 as opposed to 148 in 1999. Burglaries from homes or businesses in which there was no forced entry are up 76.2 percent, with 74 cases reported in 2000 as opposed to 42 in 1999.

"We call these crimes of opportunity because the victim creates the opportunity for the offender. A 43 percent increase in thefts from vehicles is a big increase, and it's largely where people leave a purse or a cell phone in a vehicle and the thief sees it and grabs it," the lieutenant said. "Crimes against unsecured houses and other structures are up, largely where people leave windows open or their doors unlocked."

The lieutenant said while the department's prosecution of property crimes is pretty successful, they've had less success in recovering stolen valuables, other than vehicles. Of \$12,356 in value of household goods, \$945 worth of property was recovered in the past year. Of office equipment, \$15,808 was stolen, \$275 worth recovered; electronics (TVs, radios, stereos) \$44,767 was stolen, \$8,567 was recovered.

"Time is always of the

essence," the lieutenant said, particularly in the case of smaller, more easily disposable items. "The faster we can make an arrest, the more likely we are to recover the items."

Much of the property crime in Belle Glade and elsewhere is fueled by the drug problem, the lieutenant said, and the department has had some success in reducing street level sales.

"We try to target street level dealers and users, try to get people off the street and into programs," Lt. Sweet said. "We've found by targeting small everyday offenses—open use of narcotics on the street, open drinking of alcohol, gambling—when those drop your major crimes will drop." Because of this crackdown, fewer drug seizures are being made from individuals. Instead, drug dealers are hiding their supplies in cubbyholes or in their houses. So far in 2000, the department has made 39 drug-related arrests.

The lieutenant said the department works closely with other agencies and conducts drug sweeps from time to time. "I can bring 50 officers in from the coast, target a certain area and get rid of it, but it moves," Lt. Sweet said, adding that he hopes that the new county-wide "drug court" program will assist law enforcement officers with curbing the drug problem.

The lieutenant noted that

new initiatives from the department, coupled with aggressive prosecution by the state's attorney's office, has fueled a definite decline in juvenile crime. The community policing unit at the substation on 5th Street, the department's participation in the Truancy Interdiction Program and the new Aggressors, Victims and Bystanders class being taught by the department at the middle school are helping the department reach out to the youth in the community and are expected to help curb juvenile crime in the future.

"Sgt. Jeffers Walker is mentoring 120 kids at the new sub office. That's 120 kids that are off the street, receiving tutoring in a safe environment where they can do their homework or play games," Lt. Sweet said.

The lieutenant notes the department has made 26 percent more arrests in the past year than in 1999. Besides the obvious correlation between more crime translating to more arrests, the lieutenant said the department is also receiving better cooperation from citizens reporting crimes and helping the department solve cases.

Due to the community forums, a lot more people are reporting crimes to the police, they're watching their neighbors houses and that's a good sign," the lieutenant said.

Miracle Temple honors Pastor Alvin E. Nichols

Miracle Temple invites all members, friends and those who contributed to this ministry to join the congregation Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. for Pastor Appreciation Day.

Pastor Alvin E. Nichols, along with his wife Joyce, moved from Tellico Plains, Tenn. to Belle Glade in the early sixties. He started earning his degrees in Stationary Steam Engine Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, as well as Electrical, Mechanical and Architectural drafting, only to find that God had other plans for him and began calling him into the ministry. During those years, he earned his Bachelor's degree in theology from ISMA and a doctorate of divinity for two books he authored. Before founding Miracle Temple, Rev. Nichols served in several different capacities, as Youth and Christian Education Director for the Okeechobee District.



Pastor Alvin Nichols

National Evangelist and four years as an Associate Pastor. Starting 13 years ago in a storefront, Pastor Nichols has shepherded Miracle Temple Ministries, and its multi-cultural congregation. For the past ten years Miracle Temple has been reaching out to the larger community from its current location at 104 SW Sixteenth Street (SR 715), Belle Glade.

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Responding to questions

It has always been my understanding that when you are spending government funds over a certain amount that you have to go out for bids to give everyone the opportunity to bid. The Pahokee City Commission recently approved at the city manager's request a contract for almost \$25,000 to rebuild a road. The money he said was given to the city by the county and the agreement was that \$25,000 had to be spent on this one project at the request of the county commissioner that represents this area.

First of all, how can the city manager and the county commissioner commit funds to a certain project? How can they request that an after-the-fact approval be given to the project when the contract was already given to a contractor? How was the contractor chosen and who chose them? Were they the only contractors given the opportunity to take this contract? What would have happened if the city commission had a priority list and the funds were needed for streets that are actually used by citizens everyday instead of a road that leads into an agricultural field. There are streets and sidewalks in the city in dire need of repair. Did the county commission approve a list of where the money would be spent, did the city present a list of needs and this project was on the list, or did one commissioner decide what to do with the \$25,000? I have never seen a group so willing to follow one person as the Pahokee Commission does with their city manager. After all, the commission accepted that being in violation of the law is okay if the attorney tells you how to get around it. Whatever happened to right and wrong and what kind of role models does this make our government officials?

City Manager Ken Schenck responds: There are too many questions here to respond in Speak Out. If the author would contact me, I'll be glad to discuss it with him or her. I can assure you that what we did was legal.

Vehicles displaying dangerous speeds in park

"This Speak Out goes straight to the Belle Glade Police. I am calling because I am a worried resident of Belle Glade. I am going out every morning to run at the Northeast section of First St.

There's a park there and I'm very concerned about the vehicles that go by there. They go very, very fast. I'm even scared to go and exercise just because of the fact that I'm scared I'll be run over.

I think the Belle Glade Police should take more action and at least try to ride by once in a while and catch a few people that are really doing a lot of speed in that small, little section where there is a lot of people doing exercise and take care of that."

Editor's note: This area was targeted recently for extra police surveillance and many tickets for speeding and failure to stop at stop signs were issued. Police realize this is an area of concern and they do monitor the area.

Veteran's Day Essay

"I'm calling in reference to the Veteran's Day Essay Contest that was posted for Palm Beach County. I want to say a special thank you to our winners Ken Milne and Brandy Johnson of Palm Beach County schools. It's good to know that young people understand and respect the veterans for all they've done for our country. It's good to see young people participate in things like this."

Lighthouse Cafe will offer a Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 18

The Lighthouse Cafe will be having a Thanksgiving meal for the homeless and underprivileged in Belle Glade Nov. 18. If anyone one is interested in helping with the effort, please call 996-0508 or 996-2825.

LHC is currently in its annual fundraising efforts and would like to say to the overwhelming unified support of its efforts. The Cafe has

served over 15,600 meals in the last year and has helped people in rehabilitation and spiritual renewal. Donations may be sent to the Lighthouse Cafe, 401 SW First Street, Belle Glade, FL 33430.

If interested in giving of your time to the LHC efforts, please contact Paul Allen, Gretchen Stigler, Chuck Royal or Darryl Brown.



Glades Day School football players and youth from Lake Harbor Methodist Church are among those who have volunteered to serve meals to the less fortunate at the Lighthouse Cafe.

Glades Central honors 'Students of the Week'

Glades Central Community High School named eight students "Students of the Week" for the week of Nov. 13. They are: Seniors Jennifer Bolden and Joseph Bethea; Juniors Heather Edwards and Hekmat Abraham; Sophomores Daphney Jackson and Warren

Correction

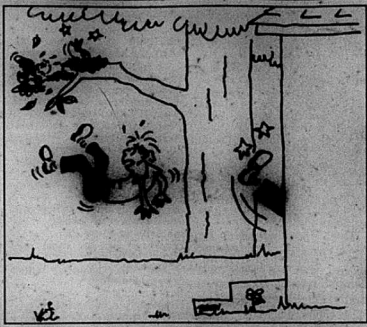
Brian Vincent Mincey, a senior at Glades Central Community High School, was recently named to "Who's Who in American High Schools." Brian is the son of Annie Mincey of Belle Glade.

Dear Editor:

This is a question that is frequently asked among the young black men that I've come in contact with while serving time here in prison. What hurts the hearts of a black man and makes him suffer? Well I'm going to answer that question to the best of my ability. While being incarcerated and looking back over my own life and studying the characteristics of the black man, I found the arrogant words and ignorant actions, actions which do not contain modesty, sincerity, reserve, fear of wrongdoing and good conduct hurt the heart of the black man. Behavior which is opposite to the truth, speaking evil of others, slandering others without knowledge of the truth telling lies, coveting

and stealing the property of others, suspicion, deceit, treachery and lack of respect to elders and parents and those of wisdom. These and many similar actions are the ones that most wound and hurt the heart of my brothers, despite the ignorance and hypocrisy that often engulfs my brothers. I'm going to continue to utilize my rights and the courtesy of the people at The Sun to get my point across to my brothers, so they don't make the same mistakes that myself and so many other brothers have made to end up in prison. Think about it brothers...is it worth it?

Peace,
Derry Brown
South Bay Correctional Facility



An open letter to the community

I would like to bring forth some facts about the situation of the hiring of Tony Smith as Belle Glade's City Manager that have not been in the press.

I know there are reasonable white brothers and sisters as well as Hispanic and African American citizens of this town who have a hard time believing I would advocate or instigate any illegal process as a seated commissioner. My work as a representative of these people and all of the parts of the city has been above board and ethical at all times.

I am coming forward to clarify my position that the contract to hire Mr. Tony Smith is legal and in place. I tried to review the times and dates of my activity to see if there was something I have done wrong or something that I had overlooked or forgot to do. I can't find a thing. If I had to do this all over again, I would do it exactly the same way. Let that be said. I was all within the realms of propriety, ethics and honor.

The contract is legal and our actions were ethical. On September 6, not October 6, the commission gave me permission to negotiate and execute the contract of our first choice, Tony Smith. They said I should take the city attorney and then-acting city manager with me for the negotiations.

Friday, September 8 at 1:30 we negotiated that contract for four and a half hours. Dave Wood and Charlie Schoech were there with me. We went through every point of that contract, keeping in mind that the commission had said we wanted a city manager over a long period. We were tired of hiring them all the time and we needed some stability for the city. The contract in West Palm Beach was finished around

4:30 that afternoon which was a Friday.

On Wednesday, September 13, Glen Tortoria, who is Tony Smith's lawyer, gave me the contracts since I had said I would be in West Palm Beach. Only Tony Smith's signature was on that contract, not mine. Everybody knows that the contract wouldn't have been any good until somebody approved it and signed it anyway. Tony was leaving for Tallahassee so he signed the contract before giving it to his lawyer and since I was there, I picked it up.

On September 18, which was a regular commission meeting, Commissioner Weeks brought up the reconsideration motion. It was explained that we must reconsider if there was a reconsideration motion from someone on the prevailing side. Commissioner Weeks made his motion, probably in an effort to get some discussion going. I didn't have any problem with that, but I did have a problem that it was so late after discussions and after everything else had been done.

We agreed to bring up the motion at the very next meeting which was two days later. This was a special meeting already scheduled that we had unanimously agreed upon to have. We didn't create that meeting or make it up. We reconsidered the motion to hire and that motion was killed.

Of the 12 years that I have been on this commission, I never had to worry about discussing with a commissioner because what we discussed was out there (in the public). Now, somehow or another, the commission felt that they had to discuss things behind closed doors or under table. I have never had discussions that I didn't put out there on the

table.

Of the 12 years I've been on the commission, my consideration has been for the good of the people. I have no reason to want Tony Smith as opposed to someone else; he just happens to be a good man.

The charter question involves section 5.12, section 5.13, section 5.14 and section 5.15. We refused that right there in that office during the negotiations. We came back to the conclusion that because there was a contract, the contract itself had special things that pertained to itself and it was not in violation of the charter. We concluded that and there was a consensus before we left that office.

After we finished the negotiations at 4:30 or so that afternoon, City Attorney Schoech got up and he went to the bathroom, so did Dave Wood. They went to the restroom and ten minutes later, he comes back and says "I cannot recommend this contract." I said, "Why?" He said there are rumors that they are just going to fire him anyway. I asked what in the world would make somebody fire somebody with no information and no reason. We had just done all this wonderful work, why should we throw it away? So I didn't respond. He said I override him. He's right. It was my decision and authority to do so. The charter question was resolved. When I left that meeting, I thought we had a good contract, nothing the concern of the city attorney, because he is our attorney and we have to listen to what he says.

It has become very difficult for me to get up and say, when we have to pledge the flag, "With liberty and justice for all." Many black and white people are going to have to wonder in

5, 10, 20 or 100 years why a man like this couldn't get hired. He's absolutely qualified. When we allow a duly elected person to proceed, it is becoming very difficult to say that because, if we decide we're going to do something, we need to understand the next commission that comes doesn't have the right to undo that just because they were elected. You do not have the right to have your own city manager every time we get a new city commission - that is not done, it's not legal, it's not ethical and it's not good practice for the city.

I am so happy the commission reconsidered, and I have talked to some of you individually. I'm so happy you were big enough to say, "Let's look at this. Let's look at it for what it is. Did this motion really try to do something underhanded?"

No I didn't. I didn't do anything. I wouldn't have done again. Not only that, I expect that the contract is legal. It's already legal. If you find something in the contract that you don't like, we left a clause so you can renegotiate it. You can pick out anything in that contract and renegotiate it and still have a contract. You have that option. Not everybody is forgetting that.

If you want to turn out a good man, then you have to reap the consequences of having someone think that you're not ethical and certainly not honorable. I would like to think that all of the people think that Belle Glade commissioners are honorable and that's why they elected you.

Harma Miller
Former mayor for the City of Belle Glade

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Belle Glade American Legion, Everglades Unit No. 20, supports and promotes November 12, 2000 as American Education Week; and

WHEREAS, to inform the youth of our community of the significance and establishment of Veteran's Day, our local American Legion desires to present area schools with a complimentary video entitled, "American's Veterans"; and

WHEREAS, this video illustrates a voyage of discovery for a young girl who joins her grandfather for a day off from school to celebrate "Veteran's Day"; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2000 our Nation will celebrate the first Veterans Day in the new Millennium, it is most fitting for our youth to be provided the opportunity to learn about our American Veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, D. Bill Mathis, Mayor of the City of Belle Glade, Florida, by virtue of authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim November 12 through 14, 2000 as

"American Education Week"

in the City of Belle Glade and urge all teachers, parents, and residents of our community, and the media of public information, to join in this special observance and help our youth learn the true meaning of

"Veterans Day"

SIGNED AND PROCLAIMED this 3rd day of November, 2000.

CITY OF BELLE GLADE

D. Bill Mathis
D. Bill Mathis, Mayor

Attest:

Debra D. Baker
Debra D. Baker, Clerk

Arrest Blotter



Belle Glade

The Belle Glade Police Department issued 56 traffic citations, responded to 65 complaints and made 21 arrests the week of Nov. 6-12. Those arrested included:

- Nov. 6 - Juvenile, 14, pickup order grand theft.
- Nov. 7 - Jervie Williams, 21, contempt of court; Levene Smith, 52, felony retail theft.
- Nov. 8 - Dawn Watz, 19, grand theft; Charles M. Bailey, 31, armed burglary of a residence and felony retail theft; Jessica Castillo, 18, petit theft; Juvenile, 16, domestic battery; Juvenile, 16, domestic battery.
- Nov. 9 - No arrests
- Nov. 10 - Jesus Romero, 22, petit theft; Eddie Bonie Jr., 37, false police report; Willie Bellage, 23, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest without violence; Anthony Crawford, 27, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest without violence; Cornelius Jones, 23, resisting arrest without violence.
- Nov. 11 - Jerome Salles, 38, possession of a shopping cart; Terry White, 46, resisting arrest with violence, trespass; Juvenile, 16, failure to appear battery.
- Nov. 12 - Paul Stimpson, 38, driving under the influence refusal.

Pahokee

The Pahokee Police Department handled 201 calls, issued 67 traffic citations and made 12 arrests the week of Nov. 6 to Nov. 12. Those arrested included:

- Nov. 6 - Gary Row, 27, warrant; Leotis Johnson, 55, improper display of firearm; Kendrick Williams, 24, possession of controlled substance, open container, resisting arrest without violence.
- Nov. 7 - Kevin Picard, 18, warrant
- Nov. 8 - No arrests
- Nov. 9 - Jamie Little, 21, burglary, criminal strict gang activity; Roy Pacey, 49, resisting arrest without violence; Antonio Williams, 36, failure to appear in court
- Nov. 10 - Oesle Polk Jr., 25, contempt of court warrant; Frank Valle, 26, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana; Juan Grandost, 19, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana
- Nov. 11 - Willie Joe Walker, 28, domestic battery; Mario Ameguita, 20, possession of cocaine, uttering a forged instrument
- Nov. 12 - No arrests

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 16 arrests between Nov. 5 and Nov. 14. Those arrested included:

- Nov. 5 - Hector James, 19, Belle Glade, failure to appear possession of marijuana under 20 grams; David Robinson, 41, Pahokee, battery domestic violence, violation of injunction
- Nov. 6 - Karen Milton, 26, Belle Glade, warrant for violation of probation grand theft, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Kendrick Domina Williams, 24, Pahokee, resisting arrest without violence, open container, possession of controlled substance; Gary Bernard Row, 27, Pahokee, failure to comply with fine
- Nov. 7 - Gregory Hamilton, 25, Pahokee, aggravated battery domestic
- Nov. 8 - Andre Mack, 27, Pahokee, warrant/violation of probation carrying concealed weapon; Juvenile, 17, Belle Glade, burglary
- Nov. 9 - Arick Rinaldo, 33, Davie, battery on a law enforcement officer, warrant for sexual battery; Tony Khaker, 43, Pahokee, warrant/violation of probation; Arick Aquilar, 19, Pahokee, carrying concealed firearm
- Nov. 10 - Samuel Billing, 39, Belle Glade, disorderly intoxication, open container
- Nov. 11 - Clarence Frederick, 37, Belle Glade, domestic violence
- Nov. 13 - John H. Thomas, no age given, Belle Glade, domestic assault
- Nov. 14 - Naid S. Kahi, 24, Belle Glade, failure to appear plea conference operating business without a license

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Christine D. Benjamin, a.k.a. Christine Davis, who is wanted for uttering a forged instrument; passing a counterfeit bill; two counts of grand theft and uttering a forged.

Benjamin is a black female, 5'7", and weighs 180 pounds. She has black hair and brown eyes, a scar on her right eye, upper arm and left eye. Her date of birth is Jan. 11, 1955. Her last known address was 1114 Glades Glen Dr., Belle Glade. Benjamin's warrant was active as of Nov. 13, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Christine Benjamin, or anyone involved in a serious criminal case, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain



Christine Benjamin

anonymous and still receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000 if your tip leads to an arrest.

Food

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After the service, St. Paul's will be providing a hot meal for the community. The church plans on feeding up to 5,000 people with a Thanksgiving dinner. The church will also be handing out baskets of food to people. In total, the church plans on giving away 40,000 pounds of food.

For more information on the event, contact Mr. Lawrence at 996-1414, fax number 996-1419.

St. Paul's Food Distribution Center has only been open for approximately a month and a half, but is enjoying a great participation from 13 501(c)(3) agencies throughout the Glades area that work with the center to feed homeless, needy and hungry people at their respective locations.

"Right now this particular site, which has been open now for about a month and a half, we're distributing about 5,000 pounds of food a week," said Mr. Lawrence. "That's very enormous for a food bank that has just started to have that kind of volume in the time that we've been open. Basically, our goal and our mission is to give the food to the hungry children, to working families, working mothers and those who have fallen through the gap and need

a little extra to try to make it to the next pay check."

Mr. Lawrence said the center would not be possible had it not been for the help and support from people who have donated their time to aid him in his mission.

Currently, Mr. Lawrence is looking for people who may want to volunteer at the center and anyone who may have a covered truck they wish to sell or donate to the distribution center. A large percentage of the center's costs go to renting trucks. After acquiring a truck, the center looks forward to concentrating on distributing. The non-profit center also accepts charitable donations.

"I would like to encourage every person in this community to take part and let's make this successful because there is no reason that any person should go hungry in this country today," said Commissioner Garrett. "With all the might and what we have, we can keep anyone from being hungry in this country. Let's make this successful because he needs everyone's help. He's given his help and he is here all the time and, if it up my hat off to him because he's done a tremendous job and I really appreciate him. All the people of the community should come by and offer their assistance in any shape, form or fashion."

Hope

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Among some of the charitable activities New Hope sponsors is a food distribution program that serves 135 needy families. New Hope also hosts a Thanksgiving Turkey give-away and a Christmas Toy donation program for those who wish to celebrate the seasons and are unable to pay for the usual festivities.

New Hope's Family Center consists of a day care center where parents can take their children while they participate in learning activities such as basic economics training designed to teach savings and money management, computer, literacy and citizenship classes for those who wish to apply for citizenship in the United States. Parents can also take parenting classes at the center. The New Hope/RCMA child development center provides subsidized child care for 65 children.

New Hope also houses a youth center for tutoring classes, entertainment and studying, a community building, recreational fields and tennis and basketball courts. The New Hope Youth Center offers out of school care for 75 adolescents and teenagers.

The students at New Hope Learning Center are given assistance-based teenage pregnancy prevention courses, health education courses, homework tutoring assistance, anti substance abuse training, literacy and ESOL classes. The Learning Center also boasts a lending library, offers educational field trips, after school snacks and Summer program lunches. The children are also able to participate in team sports such as soccer, football, basketball, and baseball in league competition. Youth counseling on educational options and other issues is openly administered by staff and faculty for the children, and scholarships are available for qualifying students.

The center also provides an on-site medical clinic for families who need medical assistance but are unable to pay for treatment and/or medical consultation. This clinic is a collaborative effort between New Hope and Dr. Philip Colazzo, MD and serves over 700 people per month. There is no charge for those who lack the money to pay for services. Family Counseling services are also available to the community. The counseling is in collaboration with Western Mental Health Clinic.

New Hope's mission is "to give disadvantaged children and families the faith, hope and skills needed to develop the individual's spirit, mind and body to its full potential. New Hope's programs

and services are designed to help the individual escape poverty and become self-sustaining with the emphasis on improving their education and health."

"New Hope is a safe haven for the children of Pahokee. It's a place that they can come and there's no charge for it and we offer a variety of services for them," said Program Director Elaine Mancini. "We offer pregnancy prevention courses, we offer literacy courses, we offer ESOL, arts & crafts, and of course education. The entire program is supported by different groups and agencies. There's the Children's Services Council which is one of our funders. They fund by providing pregnancy prevention classes. We are also funded by the United Way because we offer literacy courses here. We also receive charitable contributions by individuals."

"New Hope has changed a lot. It's fun being here," said Isabel Hernandez, a 14-year-old student who has attended New Hope since she was 10. Many of the children at New Hope enjoy the activities available at the center that also includes trips to Walt Disney World and other exciting and educational venues.

New Hope is planning to expand its facilities and will soon offer several new programs and services.

A charter school will join the New Hope Charities to fulfill the "One Stop Community Facility." New Hope is also planning on extending the city water and sewer services from the City of Pahokee to allow them to expand the number of families they serve. They are also developing plans for "Santa Maria Village," a concept in purchased affordable housing for people looking for decent, yet affordable living quarters. The compound will also work in conjunction with the YMCA to build a gymnasium and two swimming pools to meet the needs of the entire community.

For more information regarding New Hope Charities, please call 561-924-7247. Guillermo Rivera is the Managing Director of New Hope Charities, Elaine Mancini is the Program Director, Curtis Pryor is the Recreational Director, Janie Garcia is in charge of the ESOL program as instructor/Administrative Aide, Patricia Hernandez is the Arts & Crafts Coordinator/Counselor, Lynn Burton is the Driver/Custodian, Natalie Hill is the Administrative Assistant and David Ratz is a Part Time Counselor. Any one of these persons are willing to help you and your family live a more satisfying life by educating, counseling and, most importantly, helping.

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Belle Glade girls to participate in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Two Glades Day Seniors are on their way to New York City on Saturday to participate with the Universal Cheerleading Association All-Star group at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. Summer Miller, the daughter of Allen and Shelly Miller of Belle Glade and Kristen Gilliam, daughter of Steve and Debbie Gilliam of Belle Glade are captain and co-captain, respectively, of the Glades Day High School varsity cheerleading squad. The girls won the opportunity to participate in the parade last June at UCA cheerleading camp.

In addition to participating in the parade, which will be broadcast on NBC Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m.-12 noon, the girls will be sightseeing in New York. Their trip will include visits to the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, a performance of "The Lion King" on



Summer Miller and Kristen Gilliam

Broadway and the Rockettes Christmas Spectacular.

Traveling with Summer and Kristen will be six spectators from Belle Glade: Shelly Miller, Candy Shireman, Deena

Stamm, Cathy Lee, Teri Hawkins and Jennifer Bonnell.

The girls are listed in the parade line up as Mike Miller and Associates UCA and UDA cheerleading and dance teams.

GC Black History Brain Bowl Team wins Regional Championship

Glades Central's Black History Brain Bowl Team defeated School of the Arts on Saturday in Ft. Lauderdale for the Regional Black History Brain Bowl Championship.

It was a best two out of three tournament and Glades Central won in the first two games. The games consisted of one, two, and three-point questions from the books "The Miseducation of the Negro," by Carter G. Woodson; "From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African Americans," by John Hope Franklin and Alfred A. Moss; "Native Son," by Richard Wright and "They Came Before Columbus," by Ivan Van Sertima.

The Glades Central Team will now begin to prepare for the State competition in March by reading "The Fire Next Time," by James Baldwin; "Parting the Waters: America in the King Years 1954-1963," by Taylor Branch and "The Souls of Black Folk," by W.E.B. DuBois.



Pictured are Abel Thermidor, Joyce Rhoden, Thomas Irving, Stanley Day, Co-captain Warren Adderley, Coach Anne Haskell, and in front Captain Jennifer Bolden.

Nu Kappa learns about 'Christmas Around the World'

Beta Sigma Phi's Nu Kappa chapter held their November meeting at the home of Julie Zambory in Wellington.

The group was treated to a meal of stuffed cabbage rolls, arroz con pollo and garlic

bread as well as appetizers and desserts that were delicious.

The program for the evening was given by Ms. Mona Orr, a representative for "Christmas Around the World." Ms. Orr

advised everyone of the benefits of operating a home-based business and how to get started.

The members finalized Thanksgiving service project plans before everyone ex-

naged secret sister gifts.

There was one guest, Pat McLaughlin, present. Members present were Liz Harrington, Tina Herring, Betty Hodges, Nora Ornelas, Marsha Smith, Becky White and Julie Zambory.

Linda Lutz McMillan

Linda Lutz McMillan, 57, formerly of Belle Glade died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2000 at Palms West Hospital.

Linda was born in West Palm Beach and lived in Belle Glade most of her life. She had moved to Royal Palm Beach where she worked as a secretary for Palms West Hospital. Linda was a member of the Palms West Alliance Church, where she was a deaconess, a member of the Children's Ministry, Shoebox Ministry and the Women's Prayer Group.

Survivors include her mother, Betty Lutz, of Huntington, Tenn.; sons, Jeff McMillan of Belle Glade and Edward S. McMillan, of Akron, Ohio; a brother, Charles Lutz, of Huntington, Tenn. and four grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, Nov. 11 at Palms West Alliance Church with Rev. David Lane officiating. Interment followed at Port Mayaca Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Glades Funeral Chapel of Belle Glade.

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